

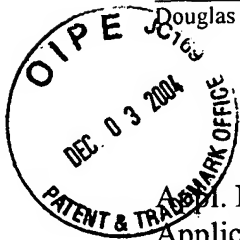
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after November 29, 2004 (the first business day after November 27, 2004), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.